

TABLE 10.109—FEES—Continued

If you apply for—	And you need—		
	Evaluation— then the fee is—	Examination— then the fee is—	Issuance—then the fee is—
Renewal .....	No fee	No fee	No fee.

<sup>1</sup> Duplicate for document lost as result of marine casualty—No Fee.

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#### § 10.110 Fee payment procedures.

(a) You may pay—

(1) All fees required by this section when you submit your application; or  
(2) A fee for each phase at the following times:

(i) An evaluation fee when you submit your application.

(ii) An examination fee before you take the first examination section.

(iii) An issuance fee before you receive your license or certificate of registry.

(b) If you take your examination someplace other than a Regional Examination Center (REC), you must pay the examination fee to the REC at least one week before your scheduled examination date.

(c) Unless the REC provides additional payment options, your fees may be paid as follows:

(1) Your fee payment must be for the exact amount.

(2) Make your check or money order payable to the U.S. Coast Guard, and write your social security number on the front of each check or money order.

(3) If you pay by mail, you must use either a check or money order.

(4) If you pay in person, you may pay with cash, check, or money order at Coast Guard units where Regional Examination Centers are located.

(d) Unless otherwise specified in this part, when two or more documents are processed on the same application—

(1) *Evaluation fees.* If a certificate of registry transaction is processed on the same application as a license transaction, only the license evaluation fee will be charged; and

(2) *Issuance fees.* A separate issuance fee will be charged for each document issued.

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#### § 10.111 Penalties.

(a) Anyone who fails to pay a fee or charge established under this subpart is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation.

(b) The Coast Guard may assess additional charges to anyone to recover collection and enforcement costs associated with delinquent payments of, or failure to pay, a fee. Coast Guard licensing services may also be withheld from anyone pending payment of outstanding fees owed to the Coast Guard for services already provided by Regional Examination Centers.

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#### § 10.112 No-fee license for certain applicants.

(a) For the purpose of this section, a no-fee license applicant is a person who is a volunteer, or part-time or full-time employee of an organization which is:

- (1) Charitable in nature;
- (2) Not for profit; and
- (3) Youth oriented.

(b) An organization may submit a written request to Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center, 4200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 630, Arlington, VA 22203-1804 in order to be considered an eligible organization under the criteria set forth in paragraph (a) of this section. With the written request, the organization must provide evidence of its status as a youth oriented, not for profit, charitable organization.

NOTE: The following organizations are accepted by the Coast Guard as meeting the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section and need not submit evidence of their status: Boy Scouts of America, Sea Explorer Association, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, and Young Men's Christian Association of the United States of America.

(c) A letter from an organization determined eligible under paragraph (b) of this section must also accompany the person's license application to the Coast Guard. The letter must state that the purpose of the person's application is solely to further the conduct of the organization's maritime activities. The applicant then is eligible under this section to obtain a no-fee license if other requirements for the license are met.

(d) A marine license issued to a person under this section is endorsed restricting its use to vessels owned or operated by the sponsoring organization.

(e) The holder of a no-fee license issued under this section may have the restriction removed by paying the appropriate evaluation, examination, and issuance fees that would have otherwise applied.

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## **Subpart B—General Requirements for All Licenses and Certificates of Registry**

### **§ 10.201 Eligibility for licenses and certificates of registry, general.**

(a) Each applicant shall establish to the satisfaction of the OCMI that he or she possesses all of the qualifications necessary (such as age, experience, character references and recommendations, physical health or competence and test for dangerous drugs, citizenship, approved training, passage of a professional examination, as appropriate, and, when required by this part, a practical demonstration of skills) before the OCMI will issue a license or certificate of registry.

(b) No person who has been convicted by a court of record of a violation of the dangerous drug laws of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any State or territory of the United States is eligible for a license or certificate of registry, except as provided by the provisions of paragraph (h) of this section. No person who has ever been the user of, or addicted to the use of, a dangerous drug, or has ever been convicted of an offense described in

section 205 of the National Driver Register Act of 1982 (49 U.S.C. 30304) due to the addiction or abuse of alcohol is eligible for a license or certificate of registry unless he or she furnishes satisfactory evidence of suitability for service in the merchant marine as provided in paragraph (j) of this section.

(c) Except as provided in § 10.464(i) of the part, an applicant for a license must demonstrate an ability to speak and understand English as found in the navigation rules, aids to navigation publications, emergency equipment instructions, machinery instructions, and radiotelephone communications instructions.

(d) An applicant for a license must meet the requirements for recent service specified in § 10.202(e).

(e) No license or certificate of registry may be issued to any person who is not a citizen of the United States with the exception of operator of uninspected passenger vessels limited to vessels not documented under the laws of the United States.

(f) Except as specified in this paragraph, no license or certificate of registry may be issued to a person who has not attained the age of 21 years.

(1) A license as master of near coastal, Great Lakes and inland, inland, or river vessels of 25-200 gross tons, third mate, third assistant engineer, mate of vessels of 200-1600 gross tons, ballast control operator, assistant engineer (MODU), assistant engineer of fishing industry vessels, mate (pilot) of towing vessels, radio officer, assistant engineer (limited-oceans), or designated duty engineer of vessels of not more than 4000 horsepower may be granted to an applicant who has reached the age of 19 years.

(2) A license as limited master of near coastal vessels of not more than 100 gross tons, limited master of Great Lakes and inland vessels of not more than 100 gross tons, mate of Great Lakes and inland vessels of 25-200 gross tons, mate of near coastal vessels of 25-200 gross tons, operator of uninspected passenger vessels, or designated duty engineer of vessels of not more than 1,000 horsepower, or apprentice mate (steersman) of towing vessels, may be granted to an applicant, otherwise